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THE NEWS.

We have cheering advice from North Carolina. Gen. Peck came upon Pryor (of Bowie knife infamy) and routed him. Pryor and his intermediations run, but Peck is after them.

We call attention to the communication of Hon. J. Young Scammon, which will be found on our fourth page.

The news from Vicksburg is interesting but not very encouraging. The death of Col. Warren Stewart, chief of Gen. McClernand's staff, will excite universal regret. Col. Stewart entered the volunteer service in this State as Major of Stewart's Battalion, formed originally by the consolidation of independent companies attached to infantry regiments. A few months since the battalion was raised to a full regiment—14th Illinois cavalry—by the recruiting of two additional battalions, one of these latter being that of Major James Grant Wilson of this city. Col. Stewart resided in the extreme Southern part of this State, in Massac county. He was a brave, zealous, but incautious officer, as the brief details of his death would seem to indicate. In his decease the volunteer force of the State meets with a heavy loss, immediately enhanced by the capture of most important military documents in his possession.

COL. J. B. WEBSTER.

We have information from Washington, that Col. J. D. Webster, of this city, has been nominated a Brigadier General by President Lincoln. No man in the United States service better deserves this promotion than Col. Webster. From the very breaking out of the rebellion until this moment, he has been in front of the enemy, where his intelligence and capacity as a soldier, have won for him the highest encomiums, alike of commander and soldiers. We congratulate Col. Webster and the country upon this recognition of his services.

THE TIMES AND THE GALENA RAILROAD.

We learn there was a "back down" on both sides, and then a "back compliment" of the difficulty between the sweet *Times* and the Galena Road. The antagonism originated after this wise: The *Times* undertook to "black mail" the Galena on advertising; the Galena resisted; the *Times* threw out the Galena's advertisement; the Galena threw out the *Times*. This was the origin of the difficulty. The *Times* then threatened all sorts of vengeance on the Galena; and the latter understanding the malignant and fiendish character of the *Times* editor, concluded to sound a truce. A meeting of directors was held, in which John Wentworth, urged a reconciliation on the ground that handling skunks was exceedingly unpleasant business, and a resolution to "conciliate" was passed. The *Times* puts in the advertisement, and the Galena carries the *Times*.

THE McALLISTER AND STEBBINS SWINDLE.

Strange reports come up from Springfield of the conduct of certain Republican members. Our special correspondent has thrown out several hints in regard to them; one of the last resulting in hollows;

> Some Republicans interested in certain claims and bills, especially the former, appear to be willing to sacrifice the Governor's rights and the principles of the party. Many leading Republican lawyers are here, employed to prosecute claims against the State, who are crying loudly for more. The Copperheads are laying their schemes for the entire control of the State hereafter. Such men had better take care, for popular honesty awaits them.

This occult language, when translated into intelligible English, will be easily understood.

Mr. Revells of New York is in Springfield at the head of a lobby embracing Goudy, Merrick, Singleton, and a score of other leading Democratic demagogues, flanked by several Republican lawyers, all boring and importuning the Legislature to pass a bill allowing the holders of the old McAllister & Stebbins bonds to use the State in some court and by means of bribery and technical law rules, recover three or four times their original investment and twenty-one year's compound interest. The claim is one of the *fattest* things the lobby has had hold of for a long time. The professional gentlemen want to earn their conditional fees—for it is "no cure, no pay." The lobby is increasing in numbers and audacity every day. Like a carrion carcass, it attracts the buzzards from a great distance, who are flocking into Springfield by every train to get a "bust." They black-mail the authorities who have the claim in charge, threatening to oppose it unless brought up. But if the buying and selling were confined to the lobby vultures and scavengers in Springfield, it would make but little matter; but it is reported that some Republican members of the Legislature have been tampered with, and votes secured for the passage of the swindle. It is also reported that a majority of the Copperhead members have taken "stock" in the swindle and will vote for it. But they are unwilling to pass it by Democratic votes exclusively. They insist that enough Republicans shall be purchased to vote for it to divide the responsibility and relieve them of the infamy of the deed. The Copperheads want to pass it, but have not the courage to "go it alone." They know how unpopular will be the act, but it they can divide the odium with the Republicans they think that the mantle of silence will be drawn over the dirty deed, and while the taxpayers are made to bleed, themselves and their party will escape. But we are not in the humor to let them off in that way. The McAllister and Stebbins claim is their pet. They have the power to pass it, without the help of Republicans. Let them enjoy all the plunder and all the infamy. They foisted this claim into their new Constitution, and the people knocked out its brains at the polls.

If any Republican votes for this claim, he will never be able to persuade his constituents that he was not *bought*, whether innocent or not. It is no longer a secret at Springfield, that the lobby are *trying to buy* members, and with what success, the vote will show when it is recorded. Let Republican members stand from under the dead fall, for it will surely crush them. Every one that swallows Dovolin's bait will get the devil's hook in his jaws.

LAND SALES.

The best index of the prosperity of our State of Illinois is the sales of land, and we are glad to hear of the number of farmers, chiefly Germans, who very judiciously purchase small tracts of land. The Illinois Central Company has sold to four hundred and twenty-two persons since the first of December. The sixty days' sales amount to $209,787. Two hundred and fifty purchasers of 40 acres, one hundred and thirty purchasers of 80 acres, nineteen purchasers of 120 acres, sixteen purchasers of 160 acres, one of 200 acres, four of 240 acres, and two of 320 acres.

Gen. Burnside offered a Command.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A letter from the army of the Potomac, in the Albany Evening Journal has been added that Gen. Burnside is urging North and South Carolina, with thirty days allowed to decide whether he will accept or drive them away. Four more corps are ordered to the command of a division.

FROM VICKSBURG.

The Position of our Army and Fleet.

A FLEET OF REBEL TRANSPORTS TRAPPED.

Death of Col. Warren Stewart.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MEMPHIS, Jan. 29th, via CAIRO, 31, 1863.

There is no news here of importance except a report that Collierville, a small town about eighteen miles from here, has been visited by the Confederate cavalry, and everything valuable carried off. There is no doubt of the intention of the rebels for losing around our army in force, to break our lines, make desperate raids, burn and destroy property, and play havoc generally.

A soldier of the 46th Ill., named Patrick Egan, in endeavoring to make his escape from lying prison last night, fell from the third story window and was killed.

The steamer City of Memphis, caught fire about 10 o'clock last night, but by the energetic use of water the conflagration was soon extinguished. The boat is used as a hospital ship, and had she burned, the result in loss of life and several adjacent boats would have been terrible.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, Jan. 31, 1863.

The United States ram Horner arrived from the scene of operations near Vicksburg this morning. Captain G. O. White of Chicago, was bearer of dispatches to Captain Pennock and General Curtis, at St. Louis.

From letters of your special correspondent with the fleet and statements of other reliable papers, I collect the following late news from the land and river forces near Vicksburg.

The steamer Sovereign, fitted up and used as a store boat in Porter's fleet, was run into a few days since, while lying at anchor at the mouth of the White River, by the steamer Rocket, striking her amidships, shattering the stern of the Rocket and damaging badly the starboard wheel and guards of the Sovereign. The latter was left and is undergoing repairs, and the remainder of the fleet, about the 20th inst., passed down the Mississippi. Just after passing Napoleon, the Red Rover (hospital steamer) was fired into by a party of mounted guerillas. No one was hurt. This was on the 21st inst. On the 22d, the fleet moved on to Tibbet's plantation, five miles above Lake Providence, Louisiana. McClernand's force, on a large fleet of transports, came to a halt near the mouth of the Yazoo River, on Friday, the 23d, and during that day and the next were engaged in landing troops across the peninsula, through which the canal was cut last summer, and opposite Vicksburg. The transports filled up the levee for the space of two miles, above and below the mouth of the river.

The Red Rover was moored in the river a short distance up the stream in the Mississippi. Opposite were the gunboat Tyler and two steam barges: below were the Lexington, mere rams and transports. Above the Red Rover, in the Yazoo River, were the gunboats Benton, Chillicothe, Louisville, Pittsburg, Judge Torrence and steamer Great Western, the latter a supply ship for the fleet.

Seven rebel transports are reported to have passed up the Yazoo in the absence of our fleet for supplies or men, and are now closely trapped there by this strong array of gunboats. Should they attempt to come out they must be taken.

The strange position of our gunboats and transports—those near the gunboat Lexington—is seven miles by water and about three by land, from Vicksburg.

When the troops are all landed on the peninsula, transports will go up the river for 30,000 more.

The rumor that work had again commenced upon the canal through this neck of land is not corroborated by those just from the place. It may soon be done, however.

On Friday and Saturday the ram Horner, Capt. White, was on picket duty, and passing the advance, was soon in plain view of the city. They could see steamers leaving and arriving, and people standing upon the levee. In the afternoon, the rebels opened with shell upon the ring and Federal scouts they saw opposite the city. No harm was done. They perhaps thought to drive our men from the peninsula, but did not succeed.

The effects of the bad water of the Yazoo country, and continement to transports, have proved terrible havoc among our military men. Those on the gunboats stand it better. Yet the Generals in command will never give up until the final effort has been made to open the river. Let the people of the North and West see to it that a capable commander is placed at the head of affairs, and with the co-operation of Admiral Porter's fleet, things will be accomplished. The rebels are hazarding everything to thwart our designs in this particular.

Late rains have rendered the country almost impassable, and some days must elapse before any extended movement can take place.

Capt. Sullivan of the steam ram Queen of the West, was married to a handsome Southern widow, on board the gunboat Tyler, a few days since, several United States officers participating, and Admiral Porter giving away the blushing bride. The lady of Capt. Sullivan is strongly secesh, and has a host of negroes, which she saved by running them up the Yazoo River before the Federals burned her plantation, and is reported very wealthy in hard money. At present, she shares the wild and dangerous life of her husband, on the Queen of the West. I have to chronicle the death of Col. Warren Stewart, Gen. McClernand's Chief of Cavalry, well known as a gallant and useful officer. He went out on Friday the 23d inst., to capture some rebel ferry boats running across the soldiers from the Louisiana shore to Vicksburg, below the peninsula. It was a dangerous undertaking, but one very necessary to be accomplished, and the fact that it was committed to Col. Stewart's hands, is an index of the estimation, as a man and a soldier, in which he was held by his commanding officer. The job had not been completed when Col. Stewart's little force was attacked by rebel outposts, and a desperate encounter ensued, during which Col. Stewart was shot dead, and his men dispersed and several wounded. The body of Col. Stewart had been recovered when my informant left the fleet, but it was found riddled by the cowardly enemy.

CAIRO, Jan. 31.—Five refugees arrived here to day direct from East Georgia. They report the country as in a most deplorable condition. They have each lost every dollar's worth of property they had, including slaves. They all cordially endorse the policy of the Government respecting negroes, and declare it a policy that, if vigorously carried out, will soon render rebellion harmless. They say there is still a very considerable amount of Union sentiment in East Georgia, but that it is worth a man's life to let it be known.

Col. Warren Stewart and three of his men were killed on the 23d inst., while out on a reconnoissance on the Louisiana shore, opposite Vicksburg.

About 2,000 rebels are on the point opposite the city.

On the 24th inst., one division of Federal troops, accompanied by a battery, went out to attack them. They had not returned when my informant left, on the 26th.

A rebel steamer came up the river to Memphis. Our batteries fired several shots at her, which were replied to by three rebel batteries on the Mississippi shore. No harm was done or either side.

The 14th Illinois have nearly all deserted. But twenty-five are now reported for duty. Over 500 are absent without leave.

CAIRO, January 31.—The ram Horner arrived from Vicksburg this morning. She had been on picket duty. She left on Sunday morning, bearing new Sun-Gods, Geo. G. White, a Quartermaster of the ram fleet, who is bearer of dispatches.

One division of Gen. McClernand's forces are now on the Louisiana shore, three miles from Vicksburg, and in full view of the city.

On the 23d, while Col. Stewart, Chief of Cavalry, on McClernand's staff, was out on a reconnoissance with a cavalry force, and attempting to destroy some ferry boats in the hands of the rebels, they were fired upon by some concealed rebels, and Col. Stewart and five of his men were instantly killed. The Colonel's body fell into the hands of the rebels, who hurriedly mutilated it.

It was ascertained that about 1,500 rebels were on the Louisiana shore, on the 24th, with a heavy infantry force, with one battery of artillery. Orders came to go out and attack them at five o'clock next morning.

On the 23d a rebel steamer came up from below to Vicksburg, but whether or not she carried troops could not be determined. Our batteries fired several shots at her, but probably without effect, as the distance was great, and our guns of small calibre. The Brilliant was returned by three rebel batteries on the Mississippi shore, without doing us any damage, however.

Water had commenced to run into the canal, but what effect it was producing was not known. The Horner reports the river rising from this point all the way down to Vicksburg. It is reported that another channel is to be dug, to intersect the old one, with its mouth higher up, so as to receive the river current more directly.

Most of the squadron is up to the mouth of the Yazoo. Several of the mosquito boats are near Vicksburg. The transports that carried Gen. Quitman's troops down have returned to Memphis.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 1863.

Col. Tom Ford, after a month or more of persistent work, has succeeded in procuring the following, which enables him to leave the service without technical disgrace:

WAR DEPARTMENT, Adj't Gen.'s Office, WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 1863.

[General Order, No. 21.]

By direction of the President, so much of General Orders No. 182, of November 6, 1862, as dismisses Col. Thomas H. Ford, 23d Ohio Volunteers, is rescinded, and he is discharged on tender of his resignation, to take effect November 8th, 1862. By order of the Secretary of War.

E. L. THOMAS, Adjutant General.

Gov. Hamilton, of Texas, has unexpectedly arrived here again. It is believed that his representations will tend to insure Butler's return, while Banks will be left to carry out the original plan of the Texas expedition.

It is stated here that Butler has already been invited to return, and now has the matter under advisement.

Contrary to general expectation, the Republicans permitted the debate in the House to continue on the negro arming bill.

Judge Thomas, of Massachusetts, from the ultra conservative Republican stand-point, opposed it. Carey A. Trimble made an admirable speech in its favor. Pendleton made about as forcible a speech against it as the opposition have yet presented. The intention was to have called the previous question after Trimble's speech, but in deference to the wishes of the opposition debate is permitted to proceed. It is now understood that Thad. Stevens will certainly close the debate by one o'clock on Monday. Every concession possible to the opposition, to prove them without excuse for filibustering. Some of them still threaten to do it, but it is hardly possible they can muster strength enough to make the threat effectual.

The House Military Committee have agreed to report in favor of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars as indemnification to Minnesota for injuries from Indian hostilities. They will oppose Gov. Ramsey's further request for one million more, to which the Senate has agreed.

Enos, the St. Louis gunboat builder, is here on business with the Navy Department.

Representatives from New Orleans have arrived, warmly urging measures for arming negroes there as the only salvation for Louisiana.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—The Navy Department has received the report of the court of inquiry into the Monitor disaster. One of the witnesses, a rebel, testified that 110 men were landed from the Harriet Lane. If so, the loss of life cannot be regretted as previously reported.

Among the appropriations in the Navy Appropriation bill, is $130,000 for Mare Island, California.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A special Washington dispatch states:

The prospect is that the Senate, which has recommitted the Missouri Emancipation bill, will limit the amount of the appropriation to ten millions, as suggested by Mr. Noell, and fixed by the House, and will require the abolishment of slavery immediately. Henderson's project finds but little favor.

The New York Times' special says:

The Administration is engaged, through eminent counsel, preparing to bring before the Supreme Court the question of the power of the President in time of rebellion to suspend the writ of habeas corpus. The Administration is determined to settle this question immediately, as there are many cases pending, and additional ones are springing up daily. The Wisconsin case is that which the Administration expect to make the issue.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 1863.

SENATE.

The resolution of thanks of Congress to Commodore Farragut was passed.

Mr. McDOUGAL of Cal. called up the resolution requesting President Lincoln to transmit to Congress all correspondence, &c., relative to the exportation of arms, &c., to Mexico, for the use of the French. The resolution was adopted.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

The consideration of the negro soldier bill was resumed.

Mr. STEVENS of Pa. explained that within a few months the time of enlistment of several hundred thousand of our volunteers would expire. Hence the necessity of the provisions of this bill.

Mr. ALLEN of Mass. replied that the bill, as reported and prepared at the War Department, contained no such provision. If negro soldiers were to be employed for five years to put down the rebellion, the term was too long; if to exterminate or subjugate the South, it was too short. He thought that from the commencement of the war, the House had legislated too much on the subject, and he still believed that if the President had laid down a policy at the beginning of the contest and adhered to it, the result would have been far better. It was unfortunate that the President should have imposed the task on Congress of disposing of the question of black men did not rest in their capacity and efficiency as soldiers, but as laborers. Slaves, he maintained, constituted the sinews of strength and power to the rebels. If such persons had, from the beginning, been employed in digging entrenchments and other labor, the lives of many men would have been saved. If he had been in command of the troops, he would have made a point of gathering in all the negroes he could find for the performance of such labor. He said, in the Northern States, there would be comparatively few enlistments. In reply to Mr. Wright, who spoke yesterday, he said that members here could no more compromise, as was suggested, than people could compromise with the rebels in the South. The rebels would scout and scorn it.

Mr. WRIGHT wished to know what reason there was why there could not be an honorable compromise among the members here? What obstacle is there, if all were honestly in favor of sustaining and perpetuating the Union?

Mr. TRIMBLE replied that fortunately or unfortunately, he did not, constituted men, that they would differ in opinion, and had no idea that the gentlemen on the other side would yield their opinions as to the conduct. He declared for the Constitution as it was, and expressed the hope that the institution of slavery would not be permitted to extend beyond its present limits. In reply to Cox, who yesterday said negroes were "to be exported with the heads of hell to consume what had was inaugurated by the North in a spirit of hate," he rebuked this very unfair imputation on the North, whose object was the preservation of the Union for the preservation of the Government. If he could he would unchain his conscience's fiends of hell, and consign them to the last rebellious fratricide was swept away; but he believed that the people of the North were abundantly able to suppress the rebellion by the old fathers, and to continue this contest until the national flag floated again over all parts of the country.

Mr. BIDDLE of Pa. in reply to a portion of the remarks of Mr. Trimble, caused to be read the following extract from a letter of Gen. McClellan to Senator Harris, dated July, 19th, 1862: "I perceive by the newspaper reports of Congressional proceedings, that there is some considerable hesitation on the subject of requiring military commanders to receive negroes seeking protection in their ranks, and to employ them in suitable labor connected with the military service. It may be well enough for the fact to be made known that all negroes who come to our lines, or come into the ranks of the army of the Potomac and the Peninsula, have been protected and set to work for the benefit of the rebel officers which otherwise would have devolved upon our soldiers. The supply of the operations of this army has thus been facilitated by negroes."

Mr. PENDLETON of Ohio spoke against the bill. He said that the reverses to the army and the depreciation of currency were owing to the fact that the impression prevailed that the Administration and the Republican party were tired of maintaining the Union as it was and the Constitution as it is. He called upon the Republicans to relieve themselves of the responsibility of the disastrous results.

Mr. DAWES of Mass. wished to know how the rebels were driven from their position on the Virginia shore, under the gentleman's favorite General, and failed to make an attack upon our forces at Fredericksburg, or even wait until commanded by the President.

Mr. PENDLETON in the course of his remarks said that he believed that if it was time to cross the Rappahannock under another commander. A feeling was gaining ground in the North that the Government could be relieved from the service by appeals to their patriotism, under pretense that the object was to preserve the Constitution and the Union, when it was for the abolition of slavery.

THE VERY LATEST NEWS.

MONDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, A. M.

FROM CAIRO AND BELOW.

OUR FORCES LAND OPPOSITE VICKSBURG.

The New Cut-off Begun.

Rebel Plans and Operations.

FROM BEFORE VICKSBURG.

Gen. Grant to take Command.

FROM MEMPHIS AND VICINITY

THE DEATH OF GEN. STEWART.

Important Capture by the Enemy.

The Romantic Sailor's Bride.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 1863.

Whether Gen. Butler returns to New Orleans or not, Gen. Banks will not, however, in any event, leave the Mississippi with his troops unless he has struck one great blow towards the reopening of it.

The canal around Vicksburg, which Gen. Grant is digging, is an entirely new one, Gen. Williams' canal having proved useless. At last accounts, water was beginning to run into the new canal. A battery has been planted at its foot, which commands one erected by the enemy opposite.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

U. S. HOSPITAL BOAT RED ROVER, OFF MOUTH YAZOO RIVER, CAIRO, Feb. 1, 1863.

We yesterday learned that General Grant would arrive here with his additional forces on Tuesday, and direct the movements of the army in person. Gen. McClernand is with him.

A damaging mishap to McClernand and his entire command of land forces occurred yesterday. Col. Warren Stewart Chief of Cavalry on McClernand's staff, was out on a reconnoissance with only 300 men—there are but few here as yet—and was shot and deserted by his men. He died on the 23d.

He had upon his person when he must have fallen into the hands of the enemy, a memorandum book containing full estimates of the numbers and calibre of the forces and guns of Sherman and McClernand; their available character, their artillery, and everything the enemy should not know; and even the projects respecting the canals upon which work has just been recommenced.

The fame of the woman married by Capt. Sullivan was Mrs. Harris. She has 120 slaves, is of passable appearance, thirty years of age, and of indomitable pluck. The ceremony was performed by a Methodist Chaplain here. Her plantation was at Skipwith's Landing, but a few miles from the point on the Mississippi where the houses were lately destroyed by the Federals.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, Feb. 1, 1863.

The steamer Bowens arrived this forenoon, bringing Memphis dates to the 30th.

The latest news from Vicksburg was that many soldiers were dying off with diarrhea. The gunboat Chillicothe was on Monday, the 26th ult., engaged in shelling the lower rebel batteries, but without provoking a return fire. It was thought probable she was trying to lure on the enemy's gunboats.

A considerable force has been landed and marched across the peninsula to a point opposite Warrenton, where they are encamped. They are in a position to communicate with the troops from below on the Louisiana side, should the latter be able to pass Port Hudson.

A stream of water is now moving through the canal dug across the peninsula last summer from two to four feet in depth, the current being about two miles per hour, but there is not much chance, it is thought, for its soon widening the channel from the narrowness of the soil and the peculiarity sloping sides.

After our troops had taken up their position on the Louisiana shore, the little ferry boat Desoto from the other shore landed in the fog, and her crew and four other persons, was captured.

Nothing has been heard of the battery near Island No. 84, since its firing on the steamer Warsaw. A gunboat is lying near Greenville. There is no danger of land attacks in that vicinity. A considerable rebel force visited Forrest Hill, near Memphis, Thursday last, dressed in Federal uniforms, and were making ready to hang citizens suspected of unionism, when their character was discovered and they were dispersed by residents.

A gin house and and several bales of cotton were burned the same day at Moscow. The 7th Kansas went in pursuit and had not returned at latest accounts. The object of the rebels seems to be to force on our lines and strike for the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers, for the improvement and defence of which the Confederate Government has appropriated nine million of dollars. Once in the possession of those streams a large army will be precipitated on Rosecrans' front to cut off Grant's supplies in the rear.

The plan is good and it will be the fault of the Federal leaders if it is allowed to be carried out.

Another accident occurred on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad about noon on Thursday the 29th. As the train was passing near Moscow bridge, the track sunk and four freight cars were precipitated down a fifteen foot embankment, killing four soldiers and severely wounding others. The passenger car in the rear got off the track or the casualties must have been numerous.

W. H. Bulloch, clerk of the steamer Bowens, informs me that the corpse of some unknown person was marked on the coffin as keeping care of Wesley Trummell—was buried on the last trip up, at Laselle's wood yard, four miles below Point Pleasant, on the Missouri shore.

The gunboat Indianola arrived at Memphis on the 29th. Rebel guerillas are quite active in that vicinity.

On Tuesday last, Lieut. Hitt, with a detachment of the 6th Illinois cavalry, went out near Lagrange, on a reconnoissance, and finding nothing, were on their return, when they were suddenly charged upon by the Confederates, and two of our men killed, three wounded and two captured, including in the latter list Lieut. Hitt.

John Gager, the successful candidate at the recent election for member of Congress in the 10th Congressional District of Tennessee, came up on the steamer last evening, and left for the North to-day, supposed to be en route for Washington. Whether the force of an election held at Memphis entitles him to a seat in Congress, remains yet to be seen.

S. D. Sloan, another candidate for Congressional honors in the same district, but who had the good sense to withdraw from the contest as soon as he found the people were in favor of the postponement of the election until August, and that the suffrages to be cast could not constitute the expression of public feeling, was here also yesterday en route for Memphis, having just returned from a visit to Washington.

The steamer White Cloud arrived this afternoon, bringing the remains of Colonel Warren Stewart. They go North on the Illinois Central Railroad on to-morrow morning's train.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MEMPHIS, JAN. 30, VIA CAIRO, FEB. 1, 1863.

There is not a great deal of news here to-day. Advices to members of the preceding date to the month of the Yazoo River on the steamer Rocket, indicating that of a great something interesting is soon to come off in that direction.

The news from the fleet transports now at the mouth of the Yazoo and moored to the peninsula opposite Vicksburg is not flattering to our soldiers, diarrhea is carrying off a great many.

The Mississippi is rising rapidly, and a flood is feared by some.

General Veatch's orders are well enforced. Robberies are abundant in the suburbs.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 1863.

Mr. Parsons of Detroit gave a congressional supper last night, to the officers of the 1st, 5th and 6th Michigan cavalry, in one of the corridors in the Senate wing of the capitol.

Speeches were made by Senator Howard and Representatives Kellogg and Trowbridge of Michigan, and Representatives Colfax and Dunn of Indiana. The general drift of what was said, was that we must rely upon shot and steel rather than upon conciliation, mediation, legislation, or proclamation, as the means of putting down rebellion.

Major General Harbaugh closed his remarks by proposing the health of the true generals who had not been and could not be beaten—Gen. Rosecrans and Fighting Joe Hooker. This sentiment was received with a whirlwind of applause, by both civilian and military guests.

The Republican House caucus was again in session last evening. The proceedings are still under the veil of secrecy, but, although action was taken on some matters of comparatively slight moment, it is safe to say that the principal business of the caucus was to talk.

The gunboat Isaac T. Smith, which the rebels claim to have captured, was one of the purchased vessels, and mounted nine guns.

The Finance Committee was sworn to the strictest secrecy respecting its deliberations on the nine hundred million bill. The general impression is that the House bill is to be materially changed, so as to conform more nearly to the views of Secretary Chase.

Gen. Butler had not yet determined to accept the proposition of the Government to return to New Orleans. He is willing to go back and do his best to accomplish the great work entrusted to him, if the position he thinks he regards as indispensable are given him. He hesitates to attempt greater things with smaller forces than he had last year.

The Court of Inquiry on the Galveston affair find it a surprise, and hardly ensures Gen. Kenham.

Rebel papers report an iron-clad repulsed by a fort on the Georgian coast with her turret disabled.

It is known that one of our Monitors left Port Royal some time ago on some expedition to the Georgia coast.

Secretary Chase had a brilliant ball at his residence last night. Gen. Hooker and other dignitaries, military and civil, were in attendance. The nation's sufferings still leave ample time for gayety at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A special to the *Herald* says, the resignation of Mrs. Campbell on account of the President's Emancipation Proclamation, has been accepted.

Robert Dale Owen has accepted a clerkship in the War Department and will be Chief Assistant in discharging some of the duties of Colonel Thomas, Adjutant General. Mr. Cadwell, Gen. Martindale and Van Allen, are to compose a court of inquiry in the case of Gen. Franklin, Lieut. Col. Pelouze, will probably be Judge Advocate.

The steamer Fanet, captured by the Tioga, is an iron-side wheel deck steamer of 150 tons with a cargo of sea jackets.

The gunboat Octarora captured on the 15th, the Hermitage, Fort Pillow, Tenn., with a cargo of salt and sponge. Maj. Strong, of Gen. Butler's staff is appointed a Brig. General.

FROM MADISON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MADISON, January 31, 1863.

Legislation was impeded to-day by the members' desire to avail themselves of their free passes, and go home. The Senate had only a very short session, and adjourned. In the Assembly, a strong effort to adjourn over to Monday evening was defeated, but so many members left that little could be done.

Barrow's resolution calling for information about this draft, was adopted. A bill was introduced in the Senate, and a joint resolution in the Assembly, both by Republicans, for the pound of coin in the State Treasury, and use of premium obtained, for the benefit of the sick and wounded Wisconsin volunteers.

Testimony in the contested seat of Rountree and Iverson was reported to-day. I understand sufficient illegal votes are proved to give Rountree the seat.

A meeting to organize a State Democratic Club is called for, Feb. 22. The Copperheads thus propose, both to pervert Washington's birth-day, and desecrate the Sabbath. A democratic "Convention" is called to nominate candidates for Judges of the Supreme Court is called for Feb. 25th.

The Camp of rendezvous for drafted men, at Milwaukee, is discontinued, and those heretofore drafted, and those yet to be drafted, in Mentowoc county, are directed to report here.

FROM FRANKFORT.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 31, 1863.

In the Legislature to-day the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the act to repeal an act requiring certain State officers and teachers to take the oath of allegiance, reported the same back with the opinion that it ought not to pass. The Senate concurred—15 to 14.

A resolution was adopted that the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of raising a State force, under control of the Government, to be used in enforcing the laws for the protection of persons and property.

A REBEL ORGAN ON THE NORTHWEST.

It Spurns the Proposition of the Northwest Being Invited to Join Rebeldom.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The Atlanta (Ga.) *Intelligencer* of the 30th says:

The resolutions introduced by Mr. Foote in Congress, bearing upon a reconstruction of our Government with the Northwestern States, we desire now solemnly to protest against, and we trust that they will be tabled by the Confederate Congress, whenever they are taken up to be considered. We are fighting this war for Southern independence and for a government of Southern States, recognizing African slavery as an institution ordained by God and beneficial to mankind—a necessity in our social and political relations as States, and in our intercourse with all other nations or States. Hence the admission of *any free States* into our Union is not only repugnant to us, but it will be only a continuance of that evil which brought on the war and which to get rid of we are now fighting. If the Northwestern States shall shake off the North and East, and set up for themselves a new government, and desire to be at peace with the South, no barrier will be placed in their way by our Government, and we shall be willing to treat with them as an independent government—in peace as friends, in war as foes.

The Rock Island Railroad Bridge to be Removed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A special Washington dispatch states that the Supreme Court has reversed the decision of the Court below, in the Rock Island Bridge case. It requires three piers on the Iowa side of the river to be removed. Three Judges dissented. Justice Miller, who was counsel in the case, of course did not act.

General Burnside.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 31.—General Burnside arrived here this morning. He declined a public reception. Thousands flocked to see him. He made a few remarks in response to the Mayor's welcome.

[SPECIALLY FROM GEORGE LAKEM.—Secretary Seward has received a letter from the Secretary of Treasury, stating a large supply of lint, dressings, and hospital supplies for the use of the sick and wounded Union soldiers. The articles have been carried free by the Medical Department.]

THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.

THE LATE FIGHT ON THE BLACKWATER.

THE REBELS DRIVEN FROM THE BLACKWATER.

Gen. Corcoran Drives the Rebels.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The *Star* says that dispatches were received to-day from General Dix at Fortress Monroe, stating that yesterday Gen. Peck's force, or a portion of it, had an engagement with an opposing rebel force under Pryor, near Blackwater River, resulting in the rebel rout and retreat of the rebels, who had been driven six miles. When the intelligence left our victorious troops were pursuing the rebels.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The *Herald* contains details of the late fight near the Blackwater, on the night of the 29th, with three regiments of infantry, four detached battalions of infantry, 600 cavalry, and fourteen pieces of artillery. The next night Gen. Corcoran, under Peck, advanced to meet the enemy. The rebels were found ten miles from Suffolk, and a commanding of two and a half hours caused the enemy to retreat.

Corcoran advanced his forces, his infantry with fixed bayonets driving the rebels a mile, they leaving their killed and wounded on the field.

Gen. Corcoran continued to follow them up and therebels took another position two and a half miles from the battle field, and at the latest mail communication Corcoran was moving to flank them.

The above battle occurred by moonlight. Telegrams yesterday indicate that the rebels were again driven from their position, and are still pursued.

Our loss was twenty-four killed and eighty wounded. Col Kruder of the 167th Pennsylvania was dangerously wounded in the hip, and Gen. Corcoran had a narrow escape.

Capt. Blodgett of his staff was slightly wounded. Among the casualties are the following: 12th Indiana—Amos Trego, slightly, and arm, severely; J. H. Penn, slightly; Nelson O. Ore, Co. B, flesh wound; slightly, John Dougherty and James Cheney.

FORTRESS MONROE, Feb. 1.—The flag of truce boat leaves to-night for City Point, and is expected to bring down several hundred Union prisoners now in Richmond.

The fighting near the Blackwater is all over, and the rebels are driven beyond that river.

FROM THE SOUTH.

The Most Imposing Expedition of the War.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The Newark *Advertiser* learns from a private letter from a General on one of our gunboats at Beaufort, N. C., that on the 20th, the whole of our fleet, with the exception of one gunboat, left there for Port Royal. There were collected at Beaufort some sixty large steam transports, having on board about 70,000 soldiers. There were also in the harbor 130 schooners loaded with artillery, ammunition, &c., which, together with the transports would leave for Port Royal to join the naval fleet at once as they could get ready the whole composes the most powerful expedition of the war.

FROM THE CUMBERLAND.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 31.—1,000 cavalry of Forrest's command, with four pieces of artillery, are at the shoals, awaiting the passing of the fleet to this point, which left from the vicinity of Franklin, Tenn., last night.

A stupendous effort for the capture of the boats on the Cumberland River is determined on by the rebels.

FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Startling Danger of Inundation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The New Orleans *Delta* says, Colonel Thorp stated, at a public meeting, on the 23d, that the levee above the city is in a very dilapidated condition, large holes having been cut to enable guerillas to fire at passing boats. The water in the river rises a foot and a half in the past month, and is now rising rapidly, and unless the levee is speedily repaired, not only Louisiana, but the portions of Arkansas and Missouri will be submerged.

The British propeller Antonia, captured off Mobile, arrived at New Orleans on the 22d, with a valuable cargo of merchandize.

New York, Feb. 1.—The steamer Columbia, with New Orleans dates to the 25th, has arrived here. Everything is reported quiet in the city, and nothing of moment had transpired. The rebels at Port Hudson have been strengthening their works and augmenting their forces, evidently intending to hold out as long as possible. Our gunboats cannot assist much in the attack, though the mortar vessels will be likely to discomfort them considerably.

Nothing new had transpired in Texas. At Galveston we have the Brooklyn, Seloto and other vessels blockading to prevent the Harriet Lane from coming out, though it is rumored that she got ahead of them by running out immediately after the blockade runner vessels reached these. This is not probable, as she needed repairs before going to sea.

The Alabama and Florida are there.

The New Orleans banks refused to receive Treasury notes on deposit. The latter are now put on the footing of specie. Banks remonstrated with the bank directors, and they had consented to receive the notes on special deposit. Cotton and notes were rising and in some demand, and the secesh were most buoyant and happy.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Australasian.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The steamer Australasian, from Liverpool 17th and Queenstown 18th, arrived at 7 o'clock this evening.

The Londonderry correspondent of the Manchester *Guardian*, writing on the Emancipation Proclamation, says it bears a very general expression of opinion that the first black outrage will be the signal for European intervention in the interest of humanity.

Among the French diplomatic correspondence, just published, is a letter from Napoleon to Forey, in which it is confessed that the motive for the French policy in Mexico is a desire to prevent the United States from extending their authority southward over the American continent.

Bright and Schouchard had been again speaking in Birmingham, in reference mainly to belligerent rights, &c. Bright questioned whether commercial men desired peace in America. It would bring them to misery. He complained of Russell and Palmerston, and bitterly denounced the Times for misleading the public in regard to the question.

A movement was on foot in Liverpool to test public opinion by a meeting to consider American affairs and the Emancipation question. Meeting of a similar kind had taken place in Manchester, where a branch Reconstruction Society was being formed.

LONDON, Jan. 16—Evening.—Cotton—In anticipation that the next accounts from America might be favorable for peace, the market was dull and declining. Wednesday's advices were received from America announcing the Emancipation Proclamation, and a determination on the part of the North to preserve the North at all hazards.

This together with all favorable news from India, had a depressing effect, and an advance of 1-2 to 3-4. Business in American was very limited, prices remaining without material change.

Melancholy Suicide.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—John Fitzgerald, son-in-law of Senator Doolittle, a wealthy maker of Wisconsin, committed suicide at the St. Nicholas Hotel, yesterday, with a pistol. His property amounts to $400,000.

Senator

Chicago Tribune.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1863.

AN ARMISTICE—WHAT IT MEANS.

The Copperheads recommend an armistice. "And," our readers will ask, "why are peace?" The object of them is, that it is not the preservation of the Union as it was; it is not the reconstruction of the Union with all its integral parts in their place. What is the reason? Because peace and the separation would leave the North united; New England, hated because she is free and patriotic, contributing six members to the family of States, from which they could not be excluded by means less violent than those involved in another revolution. An "armistice," involves the raising of the blockade of the Southern ports now closed by Federal ships; the marketing of more than three hundred millions of dollars worth of cotton, rice and tobacco, the replenishing of the armories of the South with all the enginery of war, the reclothing, reshoeing and rehatting of the ragamuffins who now fight valiantly under the rebel banner. It means a revivification of the prostrate credit of the Confederacy, and the quick marketing of the Confederate bonds. It means the withdrawal of our armies from their advanced position, or their malaise nance there for six months at an enormous expense to a treasury flow overburdened. It means, in a word, that the Union is dissolved, and that the Northwest will be expected to make common cause with that infernal gang whose object is man-selling, and whose flag is one under which pirates would be disgraced if they served. That's what an armistice means. And the men of the North who are howling that one may be declared, confess as much when they admit, as they do in their journals, in their speeches, and in their private talk, that the South—the rebellious States—will never, under any circumstances, consent to become members of the Union again. And this confession is a key to all the rest—to their hatred of the institutions of the North and of freedom, and to their love for a cause than which a baser or wickeder one never claimed the reprobation of mankind.

Are the men of the Northwest ready for this consumation? We know what they will say: Never while grass grows and water runs! There may be peace and separation by and by as the result of our impoverished exchequer and military miscarriages. To that we may come. But an armistice, which would leave us at the rebels' mercy—to propose it is a confession of ignorance that should be hooted out of the Legislature, or of treason that should insure its inventor a plate on the gibbet.

NEVER DESPAIR.

A writer, whose book, called "*How a free People conduct a long war*," ought to be in the hands of every American at this crisis of our affairs, says: "If we, then, are inclined to doubt and desponding in our dark hours, as to the final result, let us not forget the ordeal through which England successfully passed. We shall find that in the commencement, there was the same wild and unreasoning enthusiasm with which we are familiar; the same blind abuse and denunciation of our leaders; the same first reverses; the same impatient and ignorant criticism of military operations; the same factious and disloyal opposition on the part of a powerful party; the same discouragement and despondency at times on the part of the true and loyal; the same prophecies of the utter hopelessness of success; the same complaints of grievous and burdensome taxation, and predictions of the utter financial ruin of the country; the same violent attacks upon the government for its arbitrary decrees, and particularly for the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*; the same difficulties arising from the inexperience of the army; and the same weakness on the part of the government in not boldly and energetically supporting the army in the field. These are some of the more striking parallelisms between the Peninsular war and our own struggle."

The disastrous defeat of Sir John Moore's army at Corunna put all England into sackcloth and ashes, and humiliation—as the result at Bull Run smote the national pride of Americans, and plunged the people for a time into grief. In our case the secessionists of the North pointed to this disaster with the malicious grimaces of fiends who rejoiced in the slaughter and discomfiture of our demoralized army, and proclaimed by word of mouth, and through the vile sewers of their lying newspapers, that the Bull Run disaster was proof enough that our volunteers were not brave soldiers, and that the South could not be conquered by them.

In the case of England, after Sir John Moore's stampede, the poltroons and cowards of that country spoke openly of the folly of any attempt at all on the part of England to resist the progress of the French arms in the Peninsula. And this, be it remembered, when the English Government, as well as the people, were pledged never to abandon their allies until the French were driven beyond the Pyrenees! We are pledged never to abandon this war until we have beaten and annihilated the armies of the Confederacy, and so reduce the rebels to submission.

We will close this article by quoting a passage from the book already spoken of, as so good, and so applicable to the present crisis. The author says:

> The lesson which this review of the progress of the Peninsular war teaches, is, it seems to us, one of hope and encouragement, for if it shows anything it proves clearly, that in the support of public opinion, and in the means requisite to maintain a great army, these fundamental essentials of real military power, our Government is immeasurably stronger than the English ever was at any period of the war. It teaches also another important lesson, and that is, that there is such a thing as public opinion falsely so called, which is noisy just in proportion as its real influence is narrow and restricted. One of the most difficult and delicate tasks of the statesman is to distinguish the true from this false opinion, the factious demagogue from the grumbling but sincere patriot, and to recognize with a ready instinct the voice which comes from the depths of the great mass of the people, in whatever it may be sometimes, in encouragement often, but always echoing its abiding faith in the ultimate triumph of the good cause.

REBEL CONSTRUCTION OF OUR CONSTITUTION.

The rebels have confiscated five hundred millions worth of property belonging to loyal people. The debts due every Northern citizen were confiscated. All the stocks, bonds and mortgages, lands and chattels belonging to Northern people that could be reached, were searched out and seized. Loyal men in the South, were cleaned out of house and home, their ships, money, goods, chattels, negroes—everything they possessed were confiscated, and the proceeds used to carry on the war against the Union. Ask the rebel government there they get the legal authority for making those seizures, and they reply, in the Montgomery Constitution. They justify the sequestration as entirely proper and lawful, and in harmony and accordance with their Constitution. But the Copperheads declare it to be in violation of our Constitution, to retaliate by confiscating the property of the rebels. Let us see about this. The Montgomery Constitution is a literal transcript of all the articles and sections of the Washington Constitution, that can by any construction give the authority to confiscate the property of Federal citizens. Wherein the two instruments differ relates to State sovereignty and the right of secession and the nationality and divinity of slavery. But all the war powers of their government, all the legislative and judicial processes of their Congress and Supreme Court are literally copied from our Constitution. The expositions and administrators of the Montgomery Constitution are Democrats—not authority were the leaders and sires of the Northern Democrats. By their own interpretation of this Constitution, Congress has power to pass a confiscation act, and by their construction, that act ought to be executed by our Government, which it has not been, for some reason unknown to the public. The rebels first declared themselves to be an independent government, and next copy our Constitution, making certain changes and amendments in regard to slavery and State sovereignty, and then proceed to enact stringent and sweeping confiscation laws which are pronounced to be strictly in accordance with the portions of our Constitution, which they adopt, and under those laws they seize and convert to rebel use, five hundred millions of property belonging to loyal citizens. In view of these facts, we ask, is it not a poor rule that will not work both ways? Why can't our Government rightfully and constitutionally confiscate the property of the rebels? Does any man, not a malignant Copperhead, deny the power to do so? We never heard of one.

Legislative Powwow.

The *Cincinnati Commercial* says a movement has been set on foot in the Indiana Legislature for a grand pow-wow of the Legislatures of Indiana Illinois and Kentucky, at Louisville, on the 22d of February, instant. The *Commercial* adds: "It seems to us the Hoosiers are invitious, and manifest unnecessary exclusiveness in refusing or neglecting to embrace Ohio in their invitation. We think Ohio could bring her share of intellectual greatness and legislative wisdom to such a convention with advantage to herself. Think, for instance, of having Dr. Olds as a feature in such a jubilation—a martyr, an orator, and a member, in good and regular standing, in an evangelical Church, for two years, more or less! If there is anything wanted in the way of curiosities to add to the interest of this Legislative reunion, we can supply it. Count us in, if you please."

The Paper Monopoly.

The Agent of the Associated Press telegraphs from Washington that the paper combination are active in endeavoring to prevent legislation for our relief, either in obtaining a reduction or suspension of the duty on paper. We also believe the combination intend to put up the price of paper almost at will, and the fear of our getting foreign paper under the reduced duty only now prevents the exercise of this power. When the fear is released by the adjournment of Congress, we shall be forced to pay ruinous prices for paper. We therefore recommend every editor and proprietor to write to his member of Congress, Senator and Representative, urging speedy action for our relief.

Let every member of Congress understand that if he fails to act promptly, and in the right direction, he never can receive the support of any journal in his district for Congress or any other position.

Our Ship Canals.

The Ohio Legislature have had under consideration the propriety of bridging the Illinois and Michigan and the Erie canals to the capacity of gunboats, at the expense of the General Government. After a lengthy debate protesting against these measures, the resolution was passed by a vote of forty-one to seventeen. One of the members who voted in the affirmative said he "had rather we should be compelled to feel our dependence upon the Mississippi, so that the people of the Northwest will feel bound that the Union shall forever stand, and that the Mississippi, never flow to float the commerce of the Northwest to the Gulf."

New York Senator.

The New York Senate only has voted to proceed to the election of United States Senator on Tuesday next, 3d inst., in compliance with the law on that subject. As the Senate is largely Union, there is no doubt of a concurrence in that body, so that there is scarcely a doubt of the election taking place. Neither party has yet indicated its candidate. The following gentlemen are named as probable candidates: Ex-Gov. Morgan, Hon. J. S. Wadsworth, Hon. H. J. Raymond, Hon. President King, Hon. Curtis Noyes, Hon. Wm. M. Evarts, Hon. D. Dudley Field, Hon. C. B. Sedgwick, and some say Thurlow Weed.

THE NEW YORK ALDERMEN ON FITZ JOHN PORTER.—At a meeting of the New York Aldermen, on Monday last, a series of resolutions were presented, condemning the conviction and sentence of Fitz John Porter as unjust, and the result of a packed court; asserting his right to an acquittal; declaring that his conviction was a part of "that system of persecution" which has removed Gens. McClellan and Buell; tendering Porter the use of the Governor's room in the City Hall for a public reception, and expressing undiminished confidence in his patriotism, courage and skill. The resolutions were laid on the table. Now, if they will pass resolutions that Benedict Arnold was a true-hearted patriot, and an injured man, and that James Buchanan a loyal gentleman, their work will be completed.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN PITTSBURGH.—On Friday evening last, Elizabeth Beatty shot John McCormack, her seducer, in the office of a magistrate, in Pittsburgh, Penn., before whom the deceased had been brought, to answer a complaint of adultery. The deceased had just given bail, in the sum of $500, and was passing out of the room, when his victim shot him through the heart. After her arrest and committal, she said to a friend, who visited the cell: "If John McCormack had married me, just to save me from shame, I could have forgiven him, even if he had not lived with me an hour. If he had consented to make me his wife, I would have done the best I could for him. But I could not bear the thought of having the finger of scorn pointed at me, and I shot him."

☞ The New York Senate thought they had too many officers in that body, and they appointed a committee to investigate. The committee report that in 1859 there were but three persons to discharge all the duties in and about the Senate Chamber; in 1860 there were four officers in all; in 1861, eight in all; in 1862, twenty-six in all; in 1863, twenty-nine in all, and with the clerks to committees (as last year) thirty-three, all told, or just equal to the number of Senators and President. Full one-half of these probably will be turned out into the cold.

☞ The news from Europe is encouraging. The Emperor Napoleon has defined his position on American affairs. In his speech at the opening of the Legislative Chamber, he declared that he should postpone to a more suitable opportunity an offer of mediation. His also expressed an earnest desire that the war might be brought to an honorable close, and the future prosperity of the country secured. All this looks fair, but as the Emperor has a habit of saying one thing and meaning another, it may prove only a feint for a new mediation demonstration.

☞ Gen. Hooker has taken Gen. Butterfield for his chief of staff. Eighteen months experience in the field, and personal familiarity with the war, in the battles of Hanover Court House, Gaines' Mill, Turkey Bend, Malvern Hill, Groveton, and Fredericksburg, at the head of regiments, brigades, divisions, and army corps, have specially indicated the good soldier for the responsible place the Commander-in-Chief on the Rappahannock has selected him for.

☞ A private letter has been received from Galveston, which states that after the train had been prepared and ignited, which was to blow up the flag ship Westfield, Commodore Renshaw discovered that two of his men were missing, and he returned to search for them, when the explosion took place, and he lost his life.

☞ News from Charleston indicates that neither the rebels nor impartial observers have confidence in the fidelity of Beauregard's fortifications to beat off the iron-clads. The inhabitants, expecting the city to be burned, have carried off everything portable, including the doors of their houses.

☞ The *New York Tribune* denies that a libel suit has been commenced against it by Jesse Cook, our late Postmaster. It says the story was started by one of its cotemporaries in the amiable desire to have such a suit commenced.

☞ The Washington correspondents of the Philadelphia papers notice a random earnest at the Capital to the effect that Major-General McClellan had tendered his resignation, and that Mr. Fitz John Porter is to be arrested for improper conduct.

CONGRESSMAN MALLORY.—On Saturday night week some New York malignant Copperhead boarded with cost for the white marble front of David Dudley Field's mansion in Gramercy Park, in that city.

The *Milwaukee News* (D.)—A Mission paper, speaking of the Copperhead politicians of this country, calls them "Lilliandigham-rebels."

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

A Strange Character in Diplomacy.

[From an Occasional Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 1863.

In the correspondence between our Secretary of State and Mr. Romero, the Mexican *Charge d'Affaires* at Washington, recently laid before the Senate, there is what some people would call a falsehood, very much in want of a father. Falsehoods are common enough in these days to be sure, and a certain person is said to be the father of all of them. This particular one is so disguised that I am not sure that it has not two fathers. Let us see. Sig. nor Romero writes to Mr. Seward (Nov. 22, 1862,) urging that this Government shall observe neutrality in the war between France and Mexico, and in that spirit it shall forbid the exportation of wagons, mules and other contraband of war from New York and New Orleans to the French army at Vera Cruz. Mr. Seward replies, (Nov. 24, 1862,) enclosing a note from Secretary Chase, referring to existing authorities and precedents, showing that this country is not bound to prevent such shipments and, inferentially, that it will not. Mr. Romero rejoins (Dec. 16, 1862,) stating, among other things, that some nine months previously he had made application to this Government for a permit to clear 30,000 muskets, the property of the Mexican Government, from New York—that, supposing there would be no objection to it, he had applied to the Secretary of the Treasury merely to assure him that the arms belonged to Mexico and were not intended for the rebels—that the Secretary of the Treasury referred him to the Secretaries of War and the Navy—that the Secretary of the Navy made no objection, but the Secretary of War said that "he refused to relax the order *previously issued* forbidding the exportation of arms. This occurred in February or March, 1862. This order, Mr. Romero affirms, was not known to the Collector of Customs at New York, or even to the Secretary of the Treasury. He affirms, also, that the arms were an inferior lot of Prussian muskets, slint lock, altered to percussion, "and of such a quality that the army of the United States would never use them." He says also that the clearances for arms were subsequently granted at New York to other than Mexican ports. In fact, a clearance was subsequently granted for these same arms to Quebec, but before crossing the line they were seized by our Government at Rouse's Point, where, it appears, they are still held.

Mr. Seward writes (Dec. 15, 1862,) that "prohibition of the shipment of arms in the case referred to was a general prohibition including all other nations as well as Mexico, on the ground of the military necessities of the United States, which, while engaged in suppressing a formidable insurrection, cannot consent that fire-arms of any kind shall be sent out of the country as merchandise." So, according to Mr. Seward, there actually was a prohibition at the time referred to, namely, February or March, 1862.

Mr. Romero writes again, (Dec. 30, 1862,) pressing the point that there was no such order or prohibition in existence. The following are his reasons for the faith that is in him:

> "The end aligned cannot consider that the general order which prohibits the exportation of arms from the United States is the same that the clearance of these purchased by Mexico should have been denied: first, because the date of the only paper (order of Secretary of War) which he cites to his knowledge, and to that of the merchants of New York, is subsequent to that refusal; second, because subsequently to that refusal, arms have been cleared for other ports which are not Mexican ports; thirdly, because the honorable Secretary of the Treasury issued an order to the collector of the custom-house of New York expressly prohibiting the exportation of the arms referred to, which would have been entirely useless if there had been a general order forbidding such clearances; and fourthly, because the custom-house of New York granted the clearance of the same arms purchased by Mexico, when it was asked for Quibec; and when this government received notice that they would be shipped, there to a Mexican port it ordered them to be detained and returned to New York."

Mr. Seward replies (Jan. 7, 1863,) utterly ignoring the above paragraph, and not seeming to be aware that Mr. Romero has politely insinuated that he has told an untruth. Accordingly Romero writes again (Jan. 14, 1863) at considerable length, informing Mr. Seward, in diplomatic phrase, that he sees through the whole game, and intimates that as he has been assured, in a previous communication from the Secretary of State, that the prohibition is only temporary, he presumes that it will be "relaxed" as soon as the French shall have blockaded the whole Mexican coast and rendered it impossible to introduce the arms into his territory.

Mr. Seward's last letter is unique. It has been much admired by the agent of the Associated Press at Washington. We print it entire:

> DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
> WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, 1863.
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> THE undersigned, Secretary of State of the United States, has had the honor to receive the note which was addressed to him on the 14th instant by Mr. Romero, concerning the order of the Treasury Department in relation to shipments of goods at New York for Mexican ports.
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> The undersigned, in reply, has to cause further to explicate upon the reasons heretofore offered in explanation of that measure. He takes occasion on this occasion to offer to Mr. Romero a renewed assurance of his high consideration.
>
> WM. H. SEWARD.
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> Senor Matias Romero, &c., &c., &c.

There has been nothing so neat as this since Falstaff replied to Bardolph's demand for payment: "Hostess, I forgive thee!"

One more document brings an end to this strange, eventful history. It is the order of prohibition itself, and reads as follows:

> "EXECUTIVE MANSION,
> "WASHINGTON CITY, November 20, 1862.
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> *Ordered*, That no arms, ammunition, or munitions of war be cleared or allowed to be cleared from the United States until further order. That any clearance or arms, ammunition, or munitions of war issued heretofore by the Treasury Department be vacated, if the articles have not passed the United States, and the articles detained. That the Secretary of War hold possession of the arms, &c., *heretofore cleared by his order at Rouse's Point*, bound for Canada. ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

It will be observed that the date of this order is several months subsequent to the acts of which Mr. Romero complains, and that if it had been without any date, it contains evidence, in the words italicized, that it was issued subsequently. Moreover, it appears to have been issued about the time that Mr. Romero made his first representation to our Government of the indignities of his French officers to ship articles deemed contraband of war from New York and New Orleans to Vera Cruz. Mr. Seward says, in one of his notes, that he had received information of this fact some days before Mr. Romero addressed him on the subject, through the American Consul General at Havana. Mr. Romero's first note is dated November 22d. The order is dated November 20th.

Now, what is the irresistible conclusion to be drawn from these facts? What would be the verdict of twelve good and lawful men sworn to decide according to the law and the evidence? It would be, that, in our country, of a week and friendly Republic, we have added robbery to lying, and concurrice to both. We have stolen 30,000 poor muskets from Mexico, we have told several distinct falsehoods about the transaction, and all because our rulers were afraid of Louis Bonaparte—a fear in which the people have no greater sympathy or share than they have in the other disgraceful features of the business.

The Mr. Romero's apprehensions were well founded, and his protest not without force, as to the purchase of Sonora and Chihuahua by the French officers in the United States, is shown by a letter in the New York *Tribune* of the 27th inst., dated Ortiaba, Dec. 25, 1862, which says: "A portion of the mules and wagons bought in New York and Martinique reached this city last week, and have been immediately sent off to the armies of Mexico and provisions to the garrisons of Polmar, San Andres and Tehuacan."

FROM LANSING.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

LANSING, Jan. 29, 1863.

The Legislature of Michigan has been in session nearly three weeks. A large amount of business has been brought before it. A number of matters live already been disposed of, most of which refer to local subjects. Some, however, are of general importance, among which was the election of United States Senator. You have already announced the return by the people of Michigan, through their Representatives, to the United States Senate of that noble champion of Republican principles, and faithful representative of the loyal masses of this State—the Hon. Zachariah Chandler. It was a most befitting compliment to a faithful and fearless public servant, and the circumstances attending the election were peculiarly gratifying alike to Senator Chandler and to his constituents. In his election the national Administration also found cause for congratulation.

In a few days Michigan will put on record her voice in regard to the prosecution of the war, and reiterate her position upon crushing out the atrocious rebellion of slaveholders against the life of the republic, the integrity of the nation, and the perpetuity of free Government. She will speak in tones which cannot be misunderstood—which give back no uncertain sound. Her Senators and Representatives in Congress, with a single exception, will carry out her will, and the Administration will see that, while other States may falter, Michigan stands firm by the eternal principles of justice, liberty and truth.

The political complexion of the two Houses is as follows: Senate—19 Republicans, 12 Democrats and 3 Fusionists. House—59 Republicans, 24 Democrats and 11 Fusionists. The latter, on party questions, usually vote with the Democrats. To the honor of several Republicans, be it honesty went into the hegira Union movement in this State not fill, be it said, they have discovered the disloyal object of the deception, and now range themselves among the true friends of the Government. The majority in the House also passed another resolution recently, by ousting one John S. Donaldson, of Oakland county, who tampered with the ballot-box in his own town, and secured his own election by increasing his majority therein from 98 to 191.

The Legislature is a faithful reflex of the loyal people of Michigan, and reliable statistics of our patriotic and noble Governor, Austin Blair, than whom a more honest or more public-spirited man, or a more earnest and fearless champion of the right, cannot be found in the loyal States. As knows what is expected of him, and he has the will and the nerve to do his duty.

In the way of pleasing officers, the two Houses are peculiarly fortunate. In the Senate our young and talented Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Charles S. May, of Kalamazoo, presides over the deliberations of that jolly. The prompt, unceremonious and felicitous manner in which he performs the responsible duties which devolve upon him have elicited the spontaneous praise both of his political friends and opponents. In the House, the Speaker, Hon. E. M. Cutchess, of Washtenaw, brings to the discharge of his duties much experience in parliamentary affairs, in addition to a peculiar fitness for the position in other respects.

There are a variety of matters before the Legislature relating to important interests in the State, of which I will keep you advised, in order that your numerous Michigan readers may be early and fully posted in regard to action had thereon.

There is a general desire on the part of the Legislature to acknowledge the services of our brave soldiers, to perpetuate in an enduring form the memory of the gallant dead, and to provide relief for the sick and wounded. At another time I will advise you more fully as to the proposed measures, whereby these objects are to be accomplished.

SPRINGFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 30, 1863.

EFFECT OF COPPERHEAD SPEECHES ON THE ARMY.

The speeches and resolutions of the Copperhead Democracy are having a dreadfully demoralizing effect upon the army, as I am fearfully informed by officers of high rank who have been engaged in the war from the commencement. They encourage desertions on the part of the lazy and indolent, on the part the disaffected and those with whom the novelty of the war has worn off, &c., &c. On the other hand they have the effect to dampen the ardor of the true and loyal soldier, who feels that he is being betrayed at home; that the fire in the rear has already commenced in right earnest, and that he is to be sacrificed between the traitors on both front and rear. Take the army of Gen. Rosecrans. Between us and that army is the neutral State of Kentucky, filled with arms, military stores and provisions belonging to the Federal Government, and also filled with traitors, who have, since the commencement of the war, been coquetting with treason and traitors, and many of whose leading men and thousands of whom sympathizers are now in the rebel army. Imagine the effect of those traitorous speeches upon the men in Kentucky, whose neutrality is a matter of interest, not patriotism. It must be terribly injurious to the cause of the country. Suppose Kentucky were to rise to-morrow, encouraged as it certainly is by the Democracy of this State, and what would be the effect upon the army of Gen. Rosecrans? That army would be placed between two fires, and it might be so hemmed in as to be compelled to a disgraceful surrender.

Are not these traitors working to such end, when they thus, in so many words, advise the soldiers to lay down their arms and return home?

Are they not, in every movement they have made, since the commencement of the war, practically carrying out the work which Jeff. Davis planned for them, and which the Knights of the Golden Circle are specially charged with carrying into effect? Those plans are embraced in the following:

First—Create disaffection at the North. Divide and conquer.

Second—Create disaffection in the army.

Third—Get up a sectional war at the North, on the tariff, the rapacity of New England capitalists, the negro question, &c., &c.

Fourth—Invoke against taxation in every form.

Fifth—Denounce every measure of finance proposed by the Government.

Sixth—Denounce the Government currency as worthless.

Seventh—Encourage the West to separate from the East.

Eighth—Do everything possible against, and charge everything probable and improbable upon the Administration.

I would ask if the Democracy is not doing all these and more in the interest of Jeff. Davis and his minions? Are they not working for the South in faithfully seeking to carry out the arch fiend Lucifer are working to increase and extend his dominions? If Davis and his Cabinet could have prepared a set of the leading Democrats of this State they could not have their devilish designs placed in a more perfect working condition.

Why, when it is announced that one of our regiments lays down its arms a perfect howl of exultation goes up from these fellows. They roll the sweet morsel of news upon their tongues, and gloat over it when they see it in the newspapers.

Johnson, Strachan, and Mahoney, who have stirred up all the mischief they can against the Government, are here intriguing and plotting with George Francis Train, a specious and dangerous scoundrel of the worst kind, who does more by one of his shallow and lying addresses, filled brim full with exaggeration and misrepresentation, to do harm than good, and, both in Old and New England. His attacks of the church and its ministers are particularly injurious and false. Train praises the Irish, and, no doubt, with a purpose. He desires to make them the tools to help rebellion. In all his attacks and misrepresentations of religion, it is clear that he has nothing but praise for the Catholic Church, the most despotic of all the forms of Christianity at the present day. Is Train a fool? If not, or even if he is, is he not doing this with a purpose, also? At any rate, he has been "check by jowl" with Johnson, Strachan, and men of that ilk since he has been here. All these are cumulative evidences to me that he is in the interest of Davis & Co.

The Democrats are crazy for an armistice. An armistice, they know, means acknowledgement of the Southern Confederacy, and acknowledgement of the Southern Confederacy is to be followed by an attempt to unite the Northwest with its destinies.

This is the Democratic plan, and has been since the commencement of the war. I so stated to you, writing from this place, a year since. The plan was matured then. In fact, it was matured years before, in the South, in the secession States. What has the South to be carried by the Democracy, if possible.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS

In the Senate an act providing for an amendment to the State Constitution relative to the 1st of April was unanimously passed.

A bill making an appropriation of over $200,000 for the completion of the penitentiary, was introduced and referred to the appropriate committee.

Two bills introduced by Senator Mack, appropriating the necessary amount for the annual expenses of the legislature of the State Government were also referred.

A protest against any appropriation on the part of the General Government for the emancipation of slaves was adopted by the usual Democratic majority.

Senator Rodgers introduced a resolution instructing the committee on Judiciary to report a bill, appropriating $25,000 for the erection of a monument, to be placed over the remains of the lamented Stephen A. Douglas. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

A bill allowing School Commissioners to charge one dollar for each certificate granted to school teachers, elicited a long debate in which most of the Senators participated, and which was finally tabled by the casting vote of the Speaker.

An act amending the charter of the University of Chicago was passed.

An act to increase the salary of County Clerks was passed, after the adoption of an amendment offered by Senator Ward, excepting Cook county from the operation of the act.

THE INFAMOUS BLACK LAW.

The infamous act to prevent the immigration of negroes, to which reference was had in our morning's communication, was read a third time, and upon motion of Senator Bushnell, recommitted by the casting vote of the Speaker, the Senators Hoffman, Senator Rodgers voting with the Republicans. A resolution was thereupon introduced by Senator Rodgers, and adopted by the Senate, referring the whole subject to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the Speaker. The Committee consists of Senators Rodgers, Ward, and Cameron.

This is a glorious triumph, and the State may rest assured that the bill, when reported by the Committee, will be stripped of barbarian features.

Lieut. Governor Hoffman deserves credit for the manner in which he managed this affair, and Senator Ward, of Cook county, has on this, as well as on all other occasions, stood up nobly to the great principles of humanity and, indeed, Christianity.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Fuller of Cook introduced a new bill to-day for the reorganization of the Cook County Courts. It differs somewhat from the original. The bill divides the county into two districts.

The first district, which includes the South Side, that part of the North Side that lies south of the central line of Division street, and of West Chicago, that part that lies south of Van Buren street, elects two judges and clerks for the years. This is expected to be the Democratic district.

The second district is the remainder of the county, and elects two judges and two clerks for four years, afterwards for six years. This is the Republican district.

An amendment was offered and carried, that the judges should not get over $1,000 from the county and $1,000 from the State, and their fees as now. The old bill provided $1,500.

Sheriff and Clerks get the same fees as Sheriff and Clerk now get from criminal business in Recorder's Court.

Mr. Eastman moved to submit the law to a vote of the people, on the second Tuesday in March, but the proposition to postpone was voted down by the Democrats, Messrs. Fuller and Brandt voting with their party.

After the April terms of the Recorder's and Superior Courts, the bill provides for out-of-existence.

Fuller, in his speech, made a terrible assault upon the Judges of the Supreme Court, Indirectly, of course, he charged them with partisanship, etc. He said it was necessary to have a Court in Chicago where a Democrat would not be denied a writ of habeas corpus.

After Fuller had made his speech, he immediately moved the previous question.

THE SUB SECRETARY.

Mr. Burchard (Republican) of Stevenson introduced a resolution, restoring the "three-fourths rule." The Pending Democrats were prepared for it, and after a good deal of trouble with members of their party who said they did not want the "rule," they voted for the resolution. So the rule is now restored. This was a difficult thing for them to do; but they have to do it, or be whipped. They will do it. They had redemption of the proceedings of the Republican caucus of Senators and Representatives, which, I understand, it was received at that caucus to reinstate the minority in its rights, or immediately retire and leave the majority to vote without a quorum. This is a great and well-earned triumph of the minority. EDITOR.

WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THE SOUTHERN REBELS.

A Suggestive Article by Governor "Bob" Ingersoll, of Illinois.

[From the Jacksonville (Ill.) Journal.]

We maintain that the West, and especially the Northwest, is to-day more benefited by the war than any other section. Our population, our commerce, our manufactures, our canals, our railroads, our lakes, our rivers, our chief canals, our schools and our colleges, our universities and schools, our noble system of free labor and free land, our institutions of religion, benevolence and charity, than in any other section of the Union. Compared with New England in this regard, the Middle States have done but little, and the South comparatively nothing. And, in the first place, every one will admit that the Northwest was the first and most directly traceable to the introduction and the operations of its railroads and canals. It is true that the natural wealth of our great valleys here before had but they were almost valueless until they were developed by the opening of railroads and canals, and then brought into the hands of people who had the energy and skill. Such is true of Illinois and the other Northwestern States. And to whom does the West owe her railroads? Where did the capital come from to build them as well as to operate them? Did it come from the South? Not a dollar of it. Did it come from the Middle States? New York City accepted, certainly, a dollar of it was furnished by them. Did the West furnish the money to build the railroads? Not a dollar. The truth is, that the West furnished the men to build the railroads. Now, we will support the assertion that there is not a railroad 100 miles in length in the whole West and Northwest, that was wholly built with Western capital. Western moneyed men have always chosen to invest their money in "land speculations," and in loaning it to Eastern capitalists in railroad or canal enterprises. The State of Illinois herself undertook, more than twenty years ago, to inaugurate a great system of railroads and canals, on her own account, independent of the East, and the experiment was a gigantic and ruinous failure. The State of Illinois to-day owes the Illinois and Michigan Canal to New England capital and enterprise. That Canal alone has added hundreds of millions of dollars to her wealth, and laid the foundation of the greatness and wealth of Chicago, the commercial metropolis of the State. Without New England votes in Congress and the powerful support of Robert Rantoul, Jr., of Massachusetts, in co-operation with Senator Douglas in that body, the General Government would never have made the vast "land grant" to the Illinois Central Railroad, and which by one act, is a day, added hundreds of millions to the value of Illinois lands, and doubled the value of her future crops of grain and her droves of stock. The South was hostile in Congress to the Illinois Central scheme, and to almost all Western roads, canals and internal improvements, whether in our rivers or lakes. The South, as a section, was always hostile to a liberal policy of the Government with its Western lands, and was almost unanimous in her opposition to the Homestead bill and to the Pacific Railroad bill. New England, on the other hands, has almost invariably, through her Representatives in the National Congress, for the last twenty-five years, voted for the interests of the West, and for all measures to develop and build up her greatness and prosperity. Her Representatives have almost invariably voted with those of the West on these questions, while those of the South and many of those of the Middle States have been arrayed in solid column against the Western interests and measures. We have shown that the South, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, were animated by a jealousy of the growing West, while the Southern members were by sectional hate and prejudice. Again, New England votes in Congress not only secured the passage of the Illinois Central Land Grant, but New England capital furnished the larger portion of the money, directly and indirectly, to build the road, and thus to open a magnificent thoroughfare of trade and travel, which, in turn, not the least developed, portions of the State. New England capital has also very materially helped to build the most important railroads in this and other Western States. The Michigan Central, Road in Michigan, and the Hannibal and St. Joseph Road in Missouri, may be mentioned as representatives of that class. As to the important benefits conferred by these railroads thus built in the West, through the agency of New England enterprise and capital, there needs to be nothing said. It is confessed, that they have trebled the value of Western lands of farms, more than doubled the value of Western produce and stock, reduced one-half the cost of goods of Eastern and European manufacture, and brought millions of dollars into the Western, the East, and from Europe to help swell our population and develop our immense agricultural, mineral and manufacturing resources.

New England benevolence and philanthropy have furnished hundreds of thousands of dollars towards the establishment and endowment of the oldest and best colleges and seminaries of the West, and many of them would never have existed but for these donations.

Illinois College at this place, Shurtleff College, Knox College, Lombard College at Galesburg, and Northwestern College at Chicago, are examples in point of what the State of Illinois owes, in a great degree, to New England philanthropy and generosity. The whole Western country, and especially Illinois, can point to similar monuments in the West of Southern munificence and philanthropy? Yes, there is a difference to make! In her earlier history the West had to depend for her teachers and schools almost wholly upon Yankee "school-masters" and "school-marms." Until within the past ten or fifteen years, the South, in proportion, had but three-fourths of all the capable teachers in the Northwest were natives of the South. The noble system of free common schools, now so successfully in operation throughout the West, is borrowed from New England in all its substantial features, and not from the South or the Middle States. Its highest and best development has been attained, as a general rule, under New England teachers.

For religious and missionary purposes, New England has, within the past forty years, donated the West hundreds of thousands of dollars. She has sent thousands of earnest preachers of the gospel to all parts of the West. She has built and help build, by her liberality, hundreds of churches, dotted all over the West, and thus placed hundreds of thousands of people within the reach of religious institutions. What has the South done for the West in either an educational, or religious point of view? Nothing! She has had no charity that she could well spare from home. The Middle States, especially New York and Pennsylvania, have done much, in both the above respects, for the West, but are far behind New England.

The institutions in the West for the relief of the Insane, the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind, are all models of similar ones in New England (they all originated) and they owe their existence even in this State to the activity and zeal of natives of New England, and their friends against Southern prejudice and ignorance. But we have not enough already to support the position, we assumed at the outset of this article. The facts we have cited, unfavorably contrast with the West is more indebted for her present moral, intellectual and material greatness, prosperity and wealth to New England, than to any other section of the Union.

But we do not wish to be understood as intimating that New England is not dependent, in a large degree, upon the West for her prosperity. Both sections are mutually dependent upon each other for the attainment of their highest and most substantial and enduring greatness and perfection. Their interests under the same Government and as common parts of the same glorious Union of States, have always been characterized by friendship and cordial good will. In attachment and devotion to that Union, they are proud to be jealous and honorable rivals. They are alike loyal, to it, and proud of its history, and emulous of having an honorable part in the struggle to save and perpetuate it to posterity. Let those vile demagogues and traitors who would sow discord and hatred between New England and the West in "these times that try men's souls" be accursed. Let their arms be palsied, their tongues be paralyzed and their memories be forever blotted out. Their wickedness and infamy are immeasurably blacker and deeper than those of Southern traitors.

Senator Wright.

[From the Philadelphia Press, 30th.]

Hon. Joseph A. Wright, the late Senator from Indiana, who was appointed to succeed Mr. Bright, and whose term expired with the election of Mr. Turpie, is now in this city, on his way to the West. We welcome Senator Wright as one who has done great service to the country. He is a representative man. Attached to the old Democratic party, and a leader of it in Indiana when danger began to overshadow the Union, he spurned all affiliation with it, and declared himself to be for his country, and against the rebellion. This was his record when he entered the Senate, and this is the record that he leaves behind him. He has been in the councils of the nation from exciting and important years; he has taken part in many grave and momentous questions. And he has so borne himself that, without sacrificing his name to party or party creed, he gave the cause earnest and unselfish support. Mr. Wright is one of the few remaining Democrats that remind us of the party as we knew and loved it in better days, and he returns to Indiana with the esteem and gratitude of all loyal men.

Done at Last.

[From the Indianapolis Journal, 30th.]

We call the attention to two sets of joint resolutions which we publish this morning, one introduced in the Senate by Mr. Wolfe of Clay county, on the 27th inst., the other introduced by Brown of Wells yesterday. One is a long, bitter and dishonest collection of causes of complaint against the General Government, leading to the main purpose of its preparation, the declaration of an armistice, and the other is a short, direct and pertinent demand for an armistice, and a provision for the election of delegates in April to attend a National Convention of all the States, rebel as well as loyal, to be held at Nashville on the first Monday in June. This latter is the end to which the other was directed, and we may look at it only. It simply and explicitly declares that this war shall end, and if the General Government won't quit fighting, the State shall proceed independent of the Government to make peace. In other words it declares for secession! Look at it, measure it, and weigh it well. It is the first bold step towards the object which the traitors have sought for so long. It places before the people of Indiana the issue Union or no Union. It calls upon the people to rally to the rescue, it is a part is fighting for its existence, turn away from it, and make ready for the Indiana is no longer in the Union. This means if you don't will make the State out of the Union as surely as an ordinance of secession. It will be in the ordinance of secession, you who have sons and brothers and fathers fighting for the Union, offered a long debate in your best and dearest to preserve it, you are called to a new effort, that all you have hitherto done may not be a waste of blood. Traitors at home have introduced into your Legislature a secession ordinance

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OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO & MILWAUKEE RAILROAD COMPANY.
CHICAGO, January 6th, 1862.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad Company will be held at Chicago, on the 22nd of the Company, except of Lake and Clark streets, on TUESDAY, February 11th, inst, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be presented. A. B. DOWNS,
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1862.

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LADIES' LIST.

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Abbott Rebecca mrs
Allen Catharine mrs
Allen Nella mrs
Alexander Ann mrs
Alexander F A miss
Allen Hannah mrs
Abbott Permelia mrs
Ahern Ellen mrs
Ahern Mary mrs
Ackley Jennette mrs
Alexander Elizabeth mrs
Anderson Ann mrs
Adams Ann mrs
Adams Alfaretta mrs 2
Allen Ellen miss
Atridge A M mrs
Atridge Elizabeth mrs
Allen Sarah mrs
Allen Ann mrs
Allen Mary A mrs
Allen Sarah A mrs
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Allen Ann

Chicago Tribune.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1869.

THE CITY.

AN ADMIRABLE VISIT FROM OHIO.—The Columbus (Ohio) Common Council have it in contemplation to visit this city, before long.

MUSICAL.—The Philharmonic Society have in rehearsal the C. Minor (5th) Symphony of Beethoven, which they intend to produce at their fourth concert on the 23d inst.

PERSONAL.—Capt. Otto H. Maiz of this city has been promoted by Governor Yates to the rank of Major, and is detached to the topographical corps, in the Department of the Tennessee. The Major has been with Major Gen. McPherson's command through Central Mississippi, and is at present on duty in Memphis.

SAY Colburn's Evaporator for Hot Air Registers, is just the thing to moisten the air in dwellings, rendering rooms more healthy and preventing injury to wood-work, furniture, pianos, picture frames from shrinking under the effect of the furnace heat. No sensible person has been introduced that promotes health better than this simple earthen evaporator. Apply at No. 50 Wells street.

STRAWBERRY WINE.—Many persons will remember those large and beautiful strawberries sent to this market last season, by Mr. E. Sims from Aurora. He sold some of his fine berries, but converted the greater part into Strawberry Wine, a bottle of which is before us as a sample of the remainder. It is recommended by the physicians of Aurora as the best article of the kind within their knowledge for invalids. Those wanting to purchase, will know where to send for the premium article when they want Strawberry Wine.

RETURN OF ANTEBELLUM THE ARTIST.—Mr. John Antrobus, the artist of this city, (who, as our readers will recollect, resided in Carroll Parish, in Northern Louisiana, when the war broke out, and, being a strong Union man, was obliged to leave his family in order to save his life, and came to Chicago,) has just returned from a two months absence down the Mississippi to get his wife and children out of the rebel Confederacy and bring them to his new home. He has been entirely successful, his family having joined him at Lake Providence, seventy-five miles this side of Vicksburg; and they have now safely reached this city.

THE GALENA UNION RAILROAD AND THE CHICAGO TIMES.—As our readers are aware, Superintendent Talcott of the Galena Railroad, issued an order on Friday last forbidding the sale of the Chicago *Times* on that road. The order was followed up by threats of the *Times* of dragging the company into the courts, the Legislative Copperheads, and also very distinct allusions to mob violence. The Directors held a meeting on Saturday afternoon, and among other matters, the order of the Superintendent was rescinded. The reason for this action, as stated by John Wentworth, was that in his experience as an editor, he had never gained anything by an undignified fight with a skunk; that the *Times* were holding up their coat tails inviting the company to kick, and that for one, he did not feel disposed to sell his hoofs.

A NEW BILLIARD ROOM.—W. A. Durham, proprietor of the McGregor House, at McGregor, Iowa, has recently re-opened the Tremont Exchange billiard rooms, which he been re-fitted and furnished in a superior manner. The tables, ten in number, are of the best make, and present unusual inducements to the knights of the cue. All the appliances of the room pertaining to the game are first class, and nothing has been left undone which shall render the room a pleasant, quiet and agreeable one to all lovers of the game. Mr. Durham has been long noted for his skill and success in catering to the wants of the hotel goers. We think he will prove equally successful in presiding over and sustaining a first class, elegant billiard-room. We advise our friends, who indulge in billiards, to give Durham and his fine billiard hall a call.

DR. HUNTER.—We would call attention to Dr. Hunter's letter on the cure of consumption which appears in another column. The *Home Journal* of New York, in a recent editorial notice respecting Dr. Hunter says:

"He is a thoroughly educated physician, and is capable of doing all he promises to do. The doctor, however, devotes his entire attention to throat and lung diseases and the cure of consumption. Of our own personal knowledge, we know of some cases that he has treated successfully, and we are assured that all who have placed themselves under his practice speak of the highest terms of him. The public is doubtless benefited by his communication to the press. They contain rare and valuable information for the invalid. We have no hesitation in recommending Dr. Hunter to those who may need his assistance."

And the New York Daily *Tribune*, lately commenting on Dr. Hunter's letters, says:—

"The fact that their author is a regular and thoroughly educated physician does not give these letters their value—that is founded on their combination of medical knowledge and learning with practical common sense—a quality which commends itself to the judgment of all who possess it. We solicit the special attention of those interested, to the letter in this paper, concerning that consumption, though a dangerous, is a curable disease, yielding to skillful and judicious treatment, like all other diseases. We think he can read this, and resist the conviction that its author speaks from knowledge."

ARREST OF A POST OFFICE CLERK

Charge of Opening Letters—The Accused Held in $15,000 Bail for Further Examination Before U. S. Commissioner Hoyne.

James Gordon, the foreman of the Western room in the Chicago Post Office, was arrested by Deputy Marshal Frank, on Saturday, on the complaint of Judge Bloss, Special Agent, charging him with opening letters passing through the hands, and being found before U. S. Commissioner Hoyne, Saturday afternoon, for examination. The affidavit upon which the warrant was issued by the Commissioner, is as follows:

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, } ss.

Rush R. Sloss, being duly sworn, deposes and says that James Gordon, a person employed in the Post Office, in the City of Chicago, did, on or about the 30th of January, 1869, did unlawfully open a letter or packet which came into his possession, or to which he was entrusted, and intended to be conveyed by post.

RUSH R. SLOSS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this first day of January, 1869. F. A. HOYNE, U. S. Com."

The accused appeared for examination, accompanied by his counsel, Robert Hervey, esq., U. S. District Attorney Larned appearing for the Government. DeWitt Judson was the first witness called for the Government. He testified that he had been an employee of the Post Office for two years, during which time he had known the defendant. The witness was shown a letter enclosed in an envelope, the back of which had been torn and re-sealed, addressed "Mr. Robert Carr Scadlin, Chicago, Ill.," and identified it as one he had found in the Chicago box, after it had passed through the defendant's hands, with the back of the envelope wet and damp and evidently torn. He had before seen defendant with letters in his possession which looked as if they had been handled in some unusual manner, and had had his attention called to the fact, but hoped it was a mistake, as the charge was a serious one. The witness examined a second letter, addressed "Mr. Conrad Beck, Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa," and identified that he had first saw it at half past 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Witness described the actions of the accused and said that he saw the letter in his hands. He saw him wet the back of the letter twice, and manipulate it several times, and afterwards found the letter in the form case with the appearance of having been broken open and again sealed up.

Upon the cross examination by Mr. Hervey, the witness stated that he was subordinate to the defendant in the office. He had had a slight difficulty with the accused last summer in common with three or four of the other clerks, growing out of a certain order given by him which didn't suit them, but upon the re-direct examination, the witness stated he bore no grudge against the defendant and watched him on Friday night at the request of Judge Bloss.

After a brief examination of the Postmaster, as to the identification of the letters and their condition after passing through the hands of the accused, the prosecution rested fully case for the present. The defendant was then held to bail in the sum of $1,500 for further examination on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The accused is an Englishman near fifty years of age, and has up to the time of the charge borne an irreproachable character, and enjoyed the confidence of the entire Post Office Department in this city. He is a man of intelligence, attainments and scholarly abilities, and possessed of considerable means, owning, it is said, in addition to his regular official salary, a considerable income from property in Minnesota and in England.

In cases of this nature, the law makes the penalty a fine of not more than $300, or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both, as the court shall determine.

THE MARINE BANK QUESTION.

Full Statement of its Affairs.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Private Circular and Statement of Hon. J. Young Scammon.

The stockholders of the Marine Bank and the Chicago Marine and Fire Insurance Company, met on Saturday evening at the residence of Hon. J. Young Scammon, Hon. Wm. H. Brown in the Chair, and C. H. King Secretary.

In order that our readers may have a better understanding of the case, we print here the circular of the President of the Bank, dated December 26th, 1868:

THE CIRCULAR.

To the Stockholders of the Chicago Marine and Fire Insurance Company, and the Marine Bank of Chicago:

It is known to most of you, that during the absence of the undersigned, in Europe, from August, 1867, to June, 1868, inclusive, the Cashier and Assistant Cashier, contrary to the instructions, had largely indebted to the above named institutions. The defalcations amounted to about four thousand dollars, by return, and the resident Directors have decided measures to secure the funds thus abstracted, which have been partially realized in a great extent, successfully, but for the rebellion, and consequent depreciation of the currency of the State of Illinois, (which the law compels us to receive in payment,) to a large extent, on stocks of the Southern Rebellion.

Our institutions being large collectors and depositories of the currency medium, found themselves in a condition of the commencement of the National difficulties in 1861, from which it was impossible to extricate themselves.

Nearly the whole of this circulation became so depreciated, that on the 17th of May it ceased to be used as a circulating medium. At that date the collections and deposits of the two institutions amounted to nearly $1,000,000 in this currency. It depreciated rapidly to 50 per cent.

Precaution had been taken to notify our customers, so early as 1861, that we would not be accountable for any other funds than such as we received, and our correspondents were requested to withdraw their collections, unless they authorized us to receive payment in the Illinois bank notes. This notice was repeated in December and April, and it was the general understanding of ourselves and our patronage, that we did not run the risk of the depreciation of the currency.

When those bank notes ceased to be any longer current, very many of our customers promptly placed each currency (or its equivalent in value) as was deposited to their credit, but large numbers refused to do so, and, harassed as we were with suits and litigation, putting us to great expense, and compelling us to make great sacrifices in making settlements.

The undersigned has devoted himself unhesitatingly to the interests of the institutions, and their indebtedness, exceptional $20,000, which is secured by State Bonds, of the two institutions, is now about $40,000, and, of the thousands of five hundred dollars, all of which is held by the undersigned, except about $20,000.

To pay off this indebtedness an immediate advance of money is necessary; the assets of the two institutions are sufficient to pay twelve hundred and twelve thousand dollars.

The Chicago Marine and Fire Insurance Company was compelled to make an assignment, the 5th of October, 1868, to John M. Underwood, Esq., who has taken charge, his attention to winding up the affairs of the institution.

Among the securities turned over by Mr. Carver were his interest in four Illinois banks and half of another, in which he had invested between $100,000 and $150,000. These banks were owned mostly upon Northern stocks, and were, in 1861, worth probably $100,000. Upon the stocks, deposited in these banks, Mr. Carver realized $7,000 annually, and with the other securities, would have paid the defalcations in five years. The Northern stocks, which he had purchased, were in 1860, and in August of that year, when the crisis was past, in the hands of the two institutions were in condition to pay it; yet as we did not want to pay out any more ready money than we could avoid, we made the exchange, placing our depositors and stockholders, and I consented, without consulting the Directors, to take a large share in Black and Jolnsly give his attention to the business of our institutions, so long as should be necessary, and, in consideration of his services, Mr. Loomis consented to this condition.

The defalcations, as shown by subsequent investigation, amounted to nearly twenty-five dollars collected by Mr. Loomis, which did not appear on the books of the institutions, and, of this amount, $17,000 was first discovered.

Leaving $[illegible] of this amount have been realized, $[illegible]

with many years interest still due, for which we have some securities, and, if the debtors will not pay, we have no doubt we can realize the balance, but finding this last blow complicated the extent prescribed by the Bible, his clerical dignity could hold out no longer, and he not only laid Mr. Officer in the dust, but the other three likewise. They then repaired across the street to a fence, each taking a picket, and, thus reinforced, renewed the attack. Mr. Newburne, seeing their intention, did likewise, and with their own chosen weapons caused the party to skedadle. Mr. Newburne, among other slight injuries, had his hand pretty badly bitten by the officer aforesaid.

CAMP DOUGLAS MATTERS.—Three thousand Enfield rifles, with a large quantity of ammunition, have just been received at Camp Douglas, in compliance with a requisition made by Col. Cameron, a few days since. To have secured of these excellent arms, enough to supply three regiments, at this time, Col. C. has certainly been very fortunate.

The 66th Illinois regiment remain at Camp Douglas, for the present, as guard over the prisoners. Their marching orders have been countermanded by telegraph.

Gen. Curtis has ordered the 34th Iowa to report to him at St. Louis. They will probably leave on Monday, though anxious to remain for a time to recuperate. The 65th are equally anxious to go into the field.

Upwards of one thousand of the rebel prisoners are now sick, and receiving medical treatment, daily. Eight of them died on Friday night.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—We notice that the long established firm of Scott, Brown & Co., formerly Sherman & Hall, 99 South Water street, have admitted to membership in their firm Wm. J. Pope, esq., for many years and recently so honorably associated with Messrs. Davis, Sawyer & Co., of this city; thus adding desirable material to their already able house. We invite attention to the advertisement of the new firm published by us to-day, and give it as our opinion, based on our acquaintance with their character, capital and experience, that among the many able firms engaged in like business in this city—the reputation of Messrs. Sherman, Hall & Pope, is worthy to be noted second to none.

THE HOPP MURDER CASE.

Motion for a New Trial Overruled—Decision of Judge Manierre.

THE PRISONER SENTENCED TO BE HANGED.

At the opening of the Court on Saturday morning, His Honor, Judge Manierre announced his readiness to decide the motion for a new trial in the case of Wm. Hopp, under conviction for the murder of his wife. The prisoner was at once brought to the bar of the Court accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Flesher. His general appearance was about the same as at the termination of his trial; if anything, his face seemed a trifle more pale, but there was the same stolidity of expression and apparent indifference to passing events so noticeable during the progress of the trial.

Mr. McAllister was present on behalf of the people, and Messrs. McComas and Dexter appeared for the prisoner. It will be seen that the decision is very full, ably and elaborately covering the various questions raised. The motion for a new trial is denied. We print the document entire, as it is of general interest.

THE DECISION.

FIRST—As to the motion in arrest.

The first ground relied upon in support of this motion, is disclosed in the affidavit of Edward Martin, and is set forth in substance as follows: That while the trial was in progress, Reuben Taylor, a juryman, was observed by the affiant, Martin, to read a newspaper, and that while sworn a witness was called by the prosecution and examined and cross-examined, when the jury returned to their seats.

In answer to this we have first the affidavits of Mr. Taylor and the officer, that the charge did not exceed three minutes; thirdly, the affidavit of nearly all the jurors to the contrary effect as Mr. Taylor's, and also stating in the most positive terms that no evidence was given during his absence, and that Mr. Martin's affidavit is based upon the hearsay of four other persons, not none of them had any responsibility whatever with the case and they are unsupportedly mistaken.

Could be a more remarkable circumstance, in the first place, that a juror should be so careless in a case, to deserve an irregularity of a kind so gross and that it should at the same time escape the attention of every other juror, and of the Court? The Judge personally knows that no such thing did occur, and could, if it were advisable, expose the way in which Mr. Martin made the mistake.

SECONDLY, AS TO GROUNDS OF LAW.

The second ground assigned in support of this motion is, that certain errors are to be found in the instructions. It is said the court erred in giving the following instruction: "That even though the prisoner was afflicted with an insane delusion respecting his wife's chastity, and believed himself justified in his mind in the act he committed, yet if such delusion is not of itself sufficient evidence upon which to base a verdict of insanity, to be incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong with respect to the act; yet, if such was the fact, the prisoner is not exonerated from the consequences of his act, and should be found guilty, if he had the ability to distinguish right from wrong at the time of the act, with respect to the act, and was not impelled to the act by an irresistible impulse, that is, if he could have refrained from the act if he had a sufficient motive to do so."

The second ground of error assigned under this head is, that the Court erred in giving to the jury in the fifth and six instructions given for the people. That the act was committed by the prisoner, under the influence of passions excited by jealousy, is not a defense to the charge of murder, on the part of the deceased, that when he was guilty of the crime of murder, though the jealousy was caused by the delusion with respect to the wife's want of chastity. The objection to this is the same as that given to the instructions just considered. In both the act of homicide is predicated on the existence of passions excited by insane belief in the wife's want of chastity, and that the jealousy is not used in the former. It might, therefore, be sufficient to dismiss this point without further comment, and I should do so if the objection did not also in some degree assume that the jealousy will excuse under such circumstances.

I believe it is not claimed by an honest or rational belief of the infidelity on the part of a wife, is never accepted or allowed as an excuse for homicide, where it is established that the party was not provoked. In cases, however, where the homicide is committed under the immediate influence of a provocation, which excites the passions irresistible to a reasonable person, the law out of respect to the infirmity of human nature, treats the act of the crime to manslaughter, as in such cases deliberation which is essential to murder, is wanting. But if there is no evidence that there is time for the passion to cool after the provocation—as if the prisoner take up and pursue any other weapon or foreign and deadly weapon, or resort to the immediate object of his passion, any subsequent cooling or deliberation, is not material, whether the passion arise out of insane jealousy or not. A learned jurist, Wharton's Law of Homicide, says: "The following principles are our statutes: "If there is an interval between the provocation and the killing, sufficient for the voice of reason and humanity to be heard, the killing shall be attributed to deliberate revenge and not to heat of blood." Wharton's Law of Homicide of 1846.

Neither jealousy nor passion therefore is an excuse for homicide. In the case of Rex vs. Kelly, 2 Car & Kir. 814, it was said to the jury, by Rolfe, Baron: "If a man catch his wife in adultery, no doubt that to take away the life of a woman, even your own wife, because you suspect her of adultery, is a very grievous offence, and manslaughter, or murder. Now, the instruction to which objection is made, is in substantial accordance with the law as thus laid down. The killing by the prisoner, under the evidence, was either murder or manslaughter, or else proof of insanity. If it was the result of insane jealousy which had existed in the mind of the prisoner, and not excited into violence by any immediate provocation by the deceased, then the killing was murder, unless the act was committed with insanity to be so insane as to negative the mental quality of the act. As no such question was raised, the jury were left to pass upon the question of insanity, and, if they found on the want of power to distinguish right from wrong and the case was again given to the jury in this aspect, it is difficult to see how the right of the prisoner was violated, and they have found the prisoner guilty of murder, thereby negativing insanity in that degree which would excuse the act.

The third ground of error alleged under this head arises out of the instruction in which the jury were told, that insanity produced by habitual intoxication does not destroy responsibility if the party charged was at the time of the act, insane only while in a state of drunkenness, and that if in that state he committed the homicide he was guilty in the degree as if he had committed it while sober. The ground urged against this instruction is, that it makes an insane man responsible for his insane acts. The question for the answer assumes this position that if the effect of liquor upon the prisoner was to cause insanity while under its influence that then he is excusable, because insanity excuses. In such cases, however, the delusions or insanity is the effect and immediate effect of intoxication. "But a drunkard" says Mr. Bishop Criminal Law, "is responsible for all the mischief he does while under the influence of liquor. The sober reason made and resolved upon a course of wrong, and the drunkenness cannot change the character of the crime." This doctrine has been recognized as law in the case of Lord Mohun, 1 Lev. 179.

Therefore, that species of temporary insanity, which is the direct effect of intoxication, is not an excuse for the crime committed while under the influence. It is because drunkenness produces this state of mind that the law will not allow it as a justification, and, if it could be, it would be intolerable.

The fourth and last error under this head, is, that the court erred in instructing the jury that if the homicide was proved to their satisfaction by the weight and preponderance of the evidence to have been done in malice, and that the act of the prisoner was justified to his without reasonable doubt. The objection to this is, that it misstates the law in the words of Judge Shaw in Commonwealth vs. Hagan, 7 Met. 500. It is far from the doctrine of the common law, and except in those States where a more stringent law prevails, it is the law of the country.

The presumption of sanity is so strong that it needs but little evidence to rebut it. It is the strongest known in the law and its strength is in the exact proportion which the same bear to the insane. Hence if that defense is relied upon, "it must be clearly proved that at the time of committing the act the party was laboring under such a defect of reason from disease of the mind as not to know that he was doing wrong. McNaughten's case, 10 Eng. Com. L. 161. The question is not whether the prisoner is of sound mind but whether he has made out to the satisfaction of the jury that he was of unsound mind. Judge Stokes, 3 Car. & Kir. 188. Many or the cases in this country go so far as to hold that the defense must be proved beyond all reasonable doubt; 1 Zabriskie, 205; 3 Sarch, 479; 5 Ala. 364. But the milder and more approved doctrine is the one given in the instruction, 1 Lond. Crim. Cases 111.

It may be proper to observe that no rule of criminal law is more firmly established or founded in a wiser policy.

THIRDLY AGAINST EVIDENCE.

The third ground on which a new trial is sought is, "That the verdict is against the weight of evidence. It is urged by the prisoner's counsel, that the defense of insanity was clearly proved by a majority of the previous life and the circumstances attending the homicide.

This was the issue which the jury had to try:—Was the homicide the result of insanity, or of passions excited by jealousy and hatred? Just or unjustifiable, it is not material, and whether intelligent or not, it is not material, and whether intelligent or not, it is not material, and whether intelligent or not